

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2655 without my signature.

The Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture has broad discretion to implement accurate weights and measures standards to assure consumer protection and confidence.

Submetering of water in multi-family housing units may assist in promoting water conservation. If consumers are to be charged based on volumetric consumption, accurate measurement is paramount. This bill authorizes the Secretary to enter into agreements with organizations certifying water submeters. This bill is unnecessary as there are currently no prohibitions on the Secretary to enter into any agreement with an organization to provide testing standards or services.

For these reasons I am unable to support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger